

Superfund Reforms Overview

FY 1999

Superfund Reforms Homepage: Access Superfund Reforms information, accomplishments, and status information (www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/reforms/)

STATUS

Round 1 Announced June 1993: Completed 17 of 17 reforms
Round 2 Announced February 1995: Completed 18 of 19 reforms
Round 3 Announced October 1995: Completed 24 of 26 reforms

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH FY99

- T **Construction Completions:** 670 NPL sites, 85 of which were completed during FY99
- T **Refining CERCLIS:** Archived 31,784 CERCLIS sites, 784 of which were archived during FY99
- T **Brownfields:** Awarded 307 assessment pilots - up to \$200,000 per pilot; awarded 68 Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund pilots
- T **Updating Remedies:** Saved approximately \$1.4 billion of future response costs by updating 293 remedies, 69 of which were updated during FY99 for savings of approximately \$0.4 billion
- T **National Remedy Review Board:** Reviewed 43 site decisions for an estimated savings of over \$60 million, with \$17 million of estimated savings during FY99
- T **Community Involvement:** Published proposed TAG regulation; compiled a compendium of useful experiences and approaches with community involvement in the remedy selection process; developed a supplement to the Risk Assessment Guidance, a video and a brochure on citizen involvement in risk assessment process
- T **De Minimis Parties:** Settled out over 18,500 *de minimis* parties
- T **Prospective Purchaser Agreements:** Referred over 110 prospective purchaser agreements to DOJ and, of these, 95 are final agreements
- T **Orphan Shares:** Offered \$175 million in orphan share compensation at 98 sites across the United States between FY96 - FY99.
- T **Site Specific Special Accounts:** Collected over \$484.5 million, established 132 accounts, and accrued over \$82.2 million in interest for a total of \$566.7 million

WHAT NEXT?

Complete on-going reform activities, including:

- < Risk assessment guidance documents
- < Finalize TAG regulation
- < Continue monitoring and outreach efforts to facilitate implementation of the reforms